

Lesson Classification: UNCLASSIFIED

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Title: LAV'S AS FORWARD SECURITY DURING CONVOY OPERATIONS

Operation/Exercise Name: RESTORE HOPE

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5. (U) OBSERVATION:

Maintaining two LAV-25's several kilometers forward of convoys facilitated the security and efficiency of convoy operations.

6. (U) DISCUSSION:

While conducting convoy operations within the Kismayo area, two LAV-25's were posted several kilometers forward and two were positioned to the rear of the convoy. The forward LAV's were particularly valuable as they provided both route reconnaissance and security. Their primary security function was to search civilian vehicles coming from the opposite direction. With their speed, the LAV's could search a vehicle, relay the results back to the column, and resume their position without slowing down the convoy. The firepower available on the LAV's allowed them to operate independently.

7. (U) LESSON LEARNED:

None. Provided for informational purposes.

8. (U) RECOMMENDED ACTION:

None.

9. (U) COMMENTS:

None.

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